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The Honorable Kelly Shaw
Mayor, City of Indianola
Post Office Box 299
Indianola, Iowa 50125

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Dear Mayor Shaw:

I am writing this letter as an official reminder that the City of Indianola, Iowa, has until November 16, 2018, to adopt and have the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Regional Office approve floodplain management measures that satisfy 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Section 60.3(d) of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) regulations.

The City of Indianola must adopt floodplain management measures, such as a floodplain management ordinance, that meet or exceed the minimum NFIP requirements (copy enclosed) by November 16, 2018, to avoid suspension from the NFIP. If suspended, your community becomes ineligible for flood insurance through the NFIP, new insurance policies cannot be sold, and existing policies cannot be renewed.

Under the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, as amended, flood insurance must be purchased by property owners seeking any Federal financial assistance for construction or acquisition of buildings in Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs). This financial assistance includes certain federally guaranteed mortgages and direct loans, federal disaster relief loans and grants, as well as other similarly described assistance from FEMA and other agencies.

In addition, all loans individuals obtain from Federally regulated, supervised, or insured lending institutions that are secured by improved real estate located in SFHAs are also contingent upon the borrower obtaining flood insurance coverage on the building. However, purchasing and maintaining flood insurance coverage on a voluntary basis is frequently recommended for properties located outside SFHAs.

Your NFIP State Coordinator and FEMA would like to assist the City of Indianola to ensure it remains in good standing with the NFIP and avoids suspension from the Program. If your community is suspended, it may regain its eligibility in the NFIP by enacting the floodplain management measures established in 44 CFR Section 60.3 of the NFIP regulations. As stated in my previous correspondence, I recommend you contact your NFIP State Coordinator or the FEMA Regional Office if the City of Indianola is encountering difficulties in enacting its measures.

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I recognize that your community may be in the final adoption process or may have recently adopted the appropriate floodplain management measures. Please submit these measures to the Floodplain Management Program at the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Bill Cappuccio, the NFIP State Coordinator, is accessible by telephone at (515) 281-8342, in writing at 502 East Ninth Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319, or by electronic mail at bill.cappuccio@dnr.iowa.gov.

The FEMA Regional staff in Kansas City, Missouri, is also available to assist you with your floodplain management measures. The FEMA Regional Office may be contacted by telephone at (816) 283-7003 or in writing. Please send your written inquiries to the Director, Mitigation Division, FEMA Region VII, at 11224 Holmes Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64131-3626.

In the event your community does not adopt and/or submit the necessary floodplain management measures that meet or exceed the minimum NFIP requirements, I must take the necessary steps to suspend your community from the NFIP. This letter is FEMA's final notification before your community is suspended from the Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rachel Sears", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rachel Sears, Director
Floodplain Management Division
Mitigation Directorate | FEMA

cc: Dean Ownby, Floodplain Management and Insurance Branch Chief, FEMA Region VII
Bill Cappuccio, NFIP State Coordinator, Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Ryan Waller, City Manager, City of Indianola